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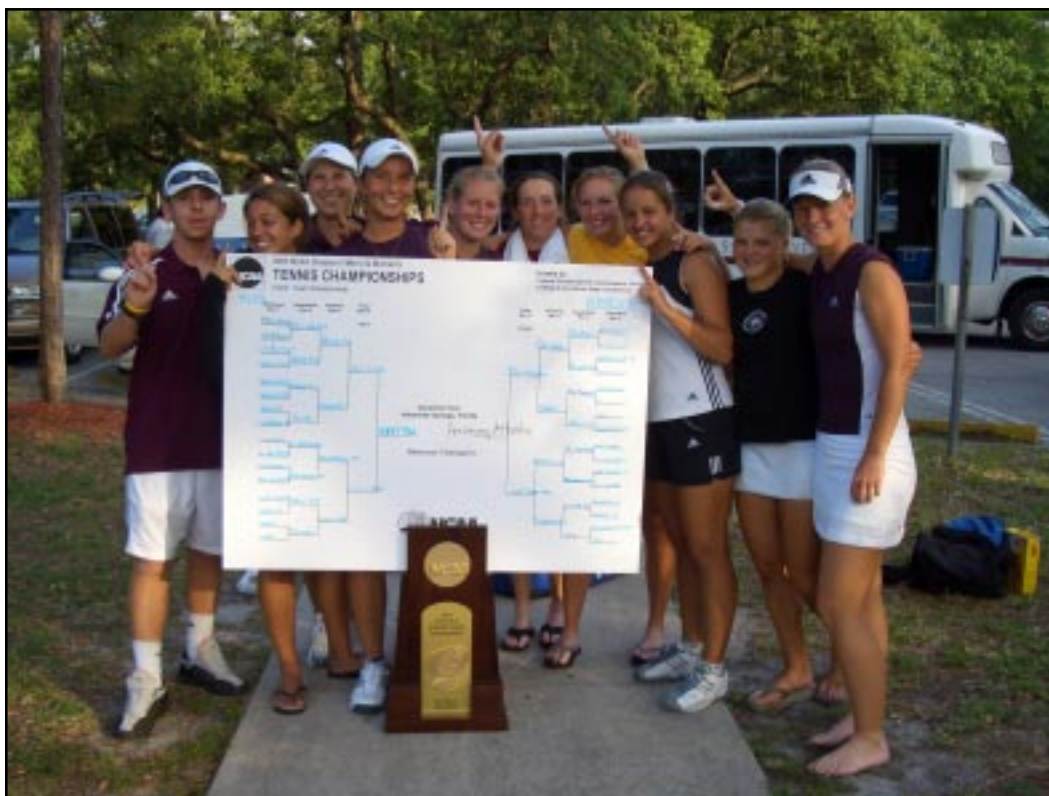
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Armstrong Atlantic State University

2004-2005 Athletics Year In Review

*Women's Tennis Earns Schools' Third NCAA National Championship
Men's Golf Hosts NCAA DII Championships, Finishes Runner-Up
Men's Tennis Earns Highest Ranking (2nd), NCAA Finish (3rd) Ever
Twelve Student-Athletes Earn All-America Honors*



AASU's 2004-05 All-America Honors

ABCA All-America Honors

Junior Matt Nalutka

NCBWA All-America Honors

Junior Matt Nalutka

Senior Jonathan Troop

PING/GCAA All-America Team

Senior Jonathan Cox

Junior Tripp Coggins

ITA All-America Honors

Men

Senior Dale White

Freshman Robert Jendelund

ITA All-America Honors

Women

Senior Laura Peaty

Junior Luisa Cowper

Junior Caroline Grage

Junior Manuela Emmrich

Sophomore Dzyana Nazaruk

Freshman Johanna Dahlback

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Academics

PBC Presidential Honor Roll Honorees

Baseball

Jonnie Geiger
Sean Hotzak (2)
Chad Grass (2)
Garrett Fox
Daniel Kaufman
Brett Lane
Brandon Nunez (2)
Jon Troop (3)
Chris Webb
Andrew Whiggum

Basketball

Darby Massamba
Patrick Sanou
Jasmine Herron
Ashley Mason

Golf

Tripp Coggins (2)
Marcus Ekstrom

Softball

Deanna Beaty
Danielle Bertram
Carrie Broome
Amber Hunt
Mandi Meador (2)
Kristina Nelson (2)
Carmela Orsini
Jaclyn Parlo
Jeana Short
Heather Woods

Tennis

Peter Dedik (2)
Robert Jendelund
Jeremy Mastnak
Taavo Roos (2)
Dale White (2)
Davor Zink
Lusa Cowper
Johanna Dahlback
Manuela Emmrich (3)
Caroline Grage (3)
Sofia Haggstrom
Kristen Kelly (2)

Volleyball

Lauren Good (2)
Traci Knuth (2)
Ashley Lavender (4)
Karla Readshaw



AASU student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom in the 2004-2005 academic year. 51% of all AASU student-athletes carried GPAs of 3.0 or better during the 2004-05 year and the overall GPA of AASU student-athletes, as a group, was 2.88.

Forty-two AASU student-athletes earned PBC Presidential Honor Roll honors, including senior volleyball player Ashley Lavender, who finished her career by earning Honor Roll honors all four years at AASU. Two student-athletes were named CoSIDA Academic All-District III honorees - baseball players Jon Troop and Brandon Nunez.

Junior Manuela Emmrich carried a perfect 4.00 GPA for the 2004-05 year and a total of 28 different student-athletes earned Dean's List honors during the year.

Lavender and Nunez were the 2005 President's Cup winners, given by the Savannah Exchange Club to the top male and female student-athlete of the year.

Commissioner's Cup

AASU finished sixth in the 2005 Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cup standings, which is the conference's all-sports trophy. AASU received 46.5 points out of a possible 81, for a .574 percentage. AASU was boosted in the standings by women's tennis capturing its 11th PBC title; men's tennis tying for the regular-season title and second-place finishes for volleyball and men's golf. Kennesaw State won the cup, ending a five-year reign for North Florida, who won the cup from 1998-99 through 2003-04. Both schools depart the conference next year, leaving for Division I and the Atlantic Sun Conference, while North Georgia enters the conference in 2004-05 and will be eligible to compete for the Commissioner's Cup immediately.

2004-2005 Commissioner's Cup Final Standings

School	MXC (9)	WXC (11)	MSO (7)	WSO (7)	VB (8)	MBB (12)	WBB (12)	BB (11)	SB (11)	MT (9)	WT (11)	GF (8)	Maximum Possible*	Total Earned	Rating
KSU	7	10	-	-	-	11.5	6.5	10	10.5	-	3	-	74	58.5	.791
UNF	5	9	3	7	8	6	2	11	10.5	6.5	9	-	107	77	.720
Clayton	6	8	5	6	-	9.5	12	-	-	-	6	1	75	53.5	.713
Upstate	-	-	6	8	4	11.5	4	5	6	8.5	9	-	90	62	.689
CSU	4	6	-	3.5	-	9.5	11	1	8	4	9	5	99	61	.616
AASU	-	-	-	-	7	5	1	6	2	8.5	11	6	81	46.5	.574
FMU	2	5	2	9	6	3.5	4	9	6	5	4	3	114	58.5	.513
GC&SU	1	2	-	2	-	3.5	8.5	7	9	6.5	7	4	99	50.5	.510
USCA	-	3	1	1	5	2	8.5	8	4	1	5	7	107	45.5	.425
UNCP	3	4	7	5	3.5	1	10	3	3	-	2	2	105	43.5	.414
Lander	-	7	4	3.5	3.5	7.5	4	2	1	2	-	-	89	34.5	.388
ASU	-	1	-	-	1	7.5	6.5	4	6	3	1	-	84	30	.357

*Numbers in parentheses indicate maximum number of points that can be awarded for each sport. Ratings are determined by taking the maximum number of points available to each school, depending on how many sports each has, and dividing by the number of points won, based on conference finish through the regular season (except golf and cross country).

NACDA Director's Cup



On the strength of the school's third NCAA DII National Championship in women's tennis and two more top three performances, the AASU athletic department fashioned another outstanding season in 2004-05, finishing with 298 points in the 2004-05 USSA/NACDA Division II Director's Cup competition, the fifth-most per sport among DII institutions.

AASU finished 40th in the aggregate standings, but collected 37.25 points per sport, fifth-best behind Cal State Chico (45.27), Grand Valley State (42.10), Lynn (40.82) and Nebraska Omaha (40.46). GVSU captured the Cup for the second straight year with 801 points.

2004-05 USSA/NACDA Director's Cup Point Standings Points Per Sport Sponsored

School	Total Points	Sports	PPS
CS Chico	588.5	13	45.27
GVSU	801	19	42.10
Lynn	449	11	40.82
Neb.-Omaha	607	15	40.46
AASU	298	8	37.25
ACU	514	15	34.27
CMSU	533.5	16	33.34
Drury	422	13	32.46
CS Bakersfield	561	18	31.17
Washburn	292.5	10	29.25

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Volleyball

Final PBC Standings

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
North Florida	14-0	30-6
AASU	12-2	29-8
Francis Marion	9-5	21-14
USC Aiken	8-6	21-13
USC Spartanburg	7-7	16-15
Lander	3-11	13-21
UNC Pembroke	3-11	9-22
Augusta State	0-14	2-29

PBC Championships (Aiken, S.C.)

No. 2 AASU def. No. 7 UNCP 3-0 (30-11, 30-23, 30-20)
 No. 2 AASU def. No. 3 FMU 3-0 (30-16, 30-18, 30-28)
 No. 1 UNF def. No. 2 AASU 3-1 (30-28, 22-30, 30-24, 30-24)

South Regional (Miami Shores, Fla.)

No. 4 FSC def. No. 5 AASU 3-0 (30-24, 30-24, 30-24)

The Armstrong Atlantic State volleyball squad made its fifth straight appearance in the NCAA Championships in 2005, finishing the season ranked No. 21 in the final AVCA/DII Top 25 rankings, only the second time in school history that the Pirates have finished the season in the national rankings. AASU advanced to the Peach Belt Conference tournament championship game for the sixth straight season and also hosted the PBC Championships for the first time since 1996.

AASU finished second in the Peach Belt regular season standings and earned an at-large berth to the NCAA Championships, extending their streak of postseason play. The five straight NCAA appearances trails only the AASU men's and women's tennis teams for the longest current streak.

Three seniors had a huge part in the Pirates' success in 2004 as Darcey Krug, Ashley Lavender and Candice Modlinski each capped their four-year careers with outstanding seasons. Krug hit .255 and ranked eighth in the PBC in blocks with 1.01 per game, earning All-PBC honors. Krug finished her career with 371 blocks, fourth all-time in AASU history. Lavender hit a career-high .243 and ended her career ranked seventh all-time in kills with 826 and fifth all-time in digs with 879.

Modlinski hit a career-high .335 and earned AVCA All-South Region honors, becoming just the fourth player in AASU history to record more than 1,000 kills in her career. She also became AASU's all-time blocking leader with 425 career blocks.

Sophomores Traci Knuth and Christina Flores continued to excel as well, with Knuth earning All-PBC honors and Flores setting a single-season AASU record in digs with 440.

Before the 2004 season began, several members of the team traveled to China on a memorable two-week journey, where they played against school teams in Beijing and Shanghai.

AASU will have seven players returning from the 2004 squad and, with UNF departing for the Atlantic Sun Conference and DI, the Pirates should be the odds-on favorite in the league in 2005.

AASU PBC All-Conference Honors

Ashley Lavender
 Traci Knuth
 Darcey Krug

All-PBC Tournament Honors

Christina Flores
 Candice Modlinski

PBC Player of the Week

Traci Knuth (Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Nov. 8, 2004)

PBC Specialist of the Week

Christina Flores (Sept. 7, 2004)

AVCA South Region Honors

Candice Modlinski

Final AVCA DII National Ranking

No. 21

AASU President's Cup Winner

Ashley Lavender

Other Tournament Honors

2004 Quincy Invitational All-Tournament

Christina Flores
 Traci Knuth
 Darcey Krug
 Candice Modlinski

2004 LIU-C.W. Post Classic All-Tournament

Christina Flores

Traci Knuth (right) earned All-PBC honors for the second season in a row, while Candice Modlinski (bottom right) became just the fourth AASU player to record 1,000 kills in a career with 1,063. Before the season, the Pirates took a trip to China, playing teams in Beijing and Shanghai over a two-week period and visiting sites such as Tienemen Square. (below)



Individual Leaders

Hitting Percentage

Candice Modlinski, .335 (4th PBC)
 Traci Knuth, .303 (6th PBC)

Blocks per game

Candice Modlinski, 1.27 (2nd PBC, 39th NCAA DII)
 Traci Knuth, 1.06 (5th PBC)
 Darcey Krug, 1.01 (8th PBC)

Assists per game

Margaret Thornton, 6.49 (8th PBC)
 Karla Readshaw, 5.68 (9th PBC)

Team Statistics

Hitting Percentage

.225 (3rd PBC)

Opponents' Hitting Percentage

.154 (1st PBC)

Kills per game

14.59 (4th PBC)

Service Aces per game

1.98 (4th PBC)

Blocks per game

2.87 (1st PBC, 13th NCAA DII)

Assists per game

13.47 (2nd PBC)

Digs per game

16.40 (5th PBC)

Match W-L Percentage

.784 (26th NCAA DII)



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Men's Basketball

Final PBC Standings

NORTH DIVISION

School	PBC	All
USC Upstate	13-3	24-8
Augusta State	10-6	19-11
Lander	10-6	17-11
Francis Marion	5-11	10-17
USC Aiken	2-14	7-21
UNC Pembroke	1-15	3-25

SOUTH DIVISION

School	PBC	All
Kennesaw State	13-3	24-6
Columbus State	11-5	23-9
Clayton State	11-5	18-13
North Florida	9-7	14-17
AASU	6-10	15-14
GC&SU	5-11	13-15

PBC Championships (Augusta, Ga.)

AASU def. FMU 66-39
#7 KSU def. AASU 72-50

AASU Peach Belt

All-Conference Honors

Lorenzo Lawrence (First Team)
Bryan Taylor (Second Team)

PBC Player of the Week

Bryan Taylor (Jan. 10, 2004)

Daktronics All-South Atlantic Region Honors

Lorenzo Lawrence (Second Team)

Ashley Dearing Cup Winner

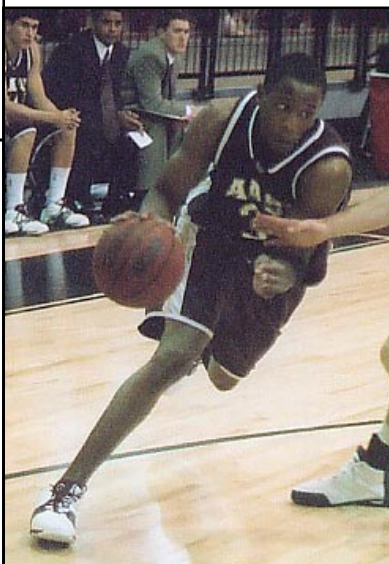
Alex Carter

The AASU men's basketball team endured an up-and-down campaign in 2004-05 but finished the season on a high note, knocking off Columbus State on the road in the final game of the regular season, then defeating Francis Marion in the first round of the PBC Championships to advance for the 11th straight season. The Pirates set a school record in that 66-39 win over the Patriots, achieving a new defensive mark for fewest points given up in a single game.

The Pirates began the season with a 10-3 mark, including a six-game win streak during December and January, but in conference play fell victim in several close games to higher-ranked clubs. Still, the Pirates had several outstanding individual seasons, including senior Lorenzo Lawrence, who scored the most points in a single season by an AASU player since Peach Belt play began, registering 542 points (18.7 per game) and ranking second in the league. Lawrence earned first-team All-PBC and second-team All-South Atlantic Region honors.

Sophomore Bryan Taylor improved on his fine freshman campaign to earn second-team All-PBC honors, ranking in the top 15 in the league in scoring (12.2 ppg), rebounding (8.0 rpg) and blocked shots (1.62 bpg), as well as ranking 37th in NCAA DII in blocks. Junior Alex Carter (11.2 ppg) led the team and ranked sixth in the PBC in free throw percentage (.777), winning the Ashley Dearing Cup.

As a team, the Pirates ranked 39th in NCAA DII in scoring defense, allowing just 65.3 points per game to their opponents, and ranked in the top five in the PBC in scoring defense, free throw percentage, 3-point percentage and defense, rebounding and rebound margin as well as blocked shots.



Junior Alex Carter (left) won the Ashley Dearing Cup, awarded to the best free throw shooter of the season, by hitting 73 of 94 free throws, a .777 percentage. Carter ranked sixth in the PBC in that category.

Team Statistics

Scoring Offense

66.4 ppg (10th PBC)

Scoring Defense

65.3 ppg (4th PBC, 39th NCAA)

Scoring Margin

+1.1 (7th PBC)

Field Goal %

.434 (7th PBC)

Free Throw %

.680 (4th PBC)

FG % Defense

.425 (7th PBC)

3-Point FG %

.345 (5th PBC)

3-Point FG % Defense

.343 (7th PBC)

Rebounding Offense

32.0 rpg (2nd PBC)

Rebounding Margin

+3.4 (2nd PBC, 59th NCAA)

Blocked Shots

3.41 bpg (3rd PBC)

Assists

11.14 apg (12th PBC)

Steals

6.48 spg (12th PBC)

Turnover Margin

-2.28 (11th PBC)

Assist/Turnover Ratio

0.72 (10th PBC)

3-Point FG Made

6.59 (7th PBC)

Individual Leaders

Scoring

Lorenzo Lawrence, 18.7
(2nd PBC, 54th NCAA)
Bryan Taylor, 12.2 (13th PBC)
Alex Carter, 11.2 (16th PBC)

Rebounding

Bryan Taylor, 8.0 (3rd PBC)
Travis Wallace, 5.2 (13th PBC)
Alex Carter, 5.1 (15th PBC)
Field Goal Percentage
Bryan Taylor, .500 (15th PBC)
Alex Carter, .471 (11th PBC)

Assists

Clennon Preyear, 2.89
(12th PBC)

Free Throw Percentage

Alex Carter, .777 (6th PBC)
Lorenzo Lawrence, .758 (10th PBC)

Steals

Clennon Preyear, 1.54 (11th PBC)

Senior Lorenzo Lawrence (top) was second in the PBC in scoring (18.7 ppg) and scored the most points in a single season for the Pirates since AASU began Peach Belt play in 1990-91 (542). Sophomore Bryan Taylor (right) earned second-team All-PBC honors and set an Alumni Arena single-game record with 18 rebounds against GC&SU on Jan. 5.

Blocked Shots

Bryan Taylor, 1.62
(2nd PBC, 37th NCAA)

3-Point FG Percentage

Jamaal Galloway, .420 (6th PBC)

3-Point FG Made

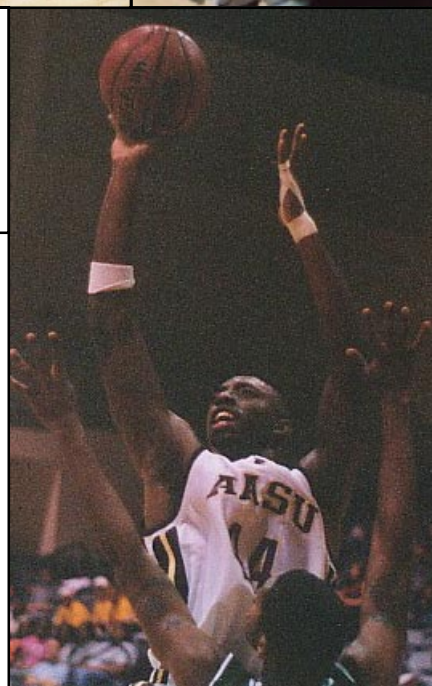
Lorenzo Lawrence, 2.55 (3rd PBC)
Jamaal Galloway, 1.68 (13th PBC)

Offensive Rebounds

Bryan Taylor, 3.31 (3rd PBC)
Travis Wallace, 2.34 (7th PBC)

Defensive Rebounds

Bryan Taylor, 4.69 (5th PBC)
Alex Carter, 3.55 (13th PBC)



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Women's Basketball

Final PBC Results

NORTH DIVISION

School	PBC	All
UNC Pembroke	9-7	17-11
USC Aiken	9-7	19-13
Augusta State	7-9	13-15
Francis Marion	7-9	11-17
USC Upstate	7-9	14-14
Lander	6-10	13-16

SOUTH DIVISION

School	PBC	All
Clayton State	13-3	25-7
Columbus State	11-5	20-11
GC&SU	8-8	17-11
Kennesaw State	7-9	17-13
AASU	7-9	17-13
North Florida	5-11	12-17

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's basketball team began the 2004-05 season with high expectations, especially after the Lady Pirates made their first-ever trip to the Disney's Division II Tip-Off Classic in Orlando to begin the season. After an up and down season, the Lady Pirates finished the year with a 17-13 overall mark, the third consecutive winning season for AASU under head coach Roger Hodge. A controversial decision by the Peach Belt kept the Lady Pirates out of the conference tournament, but that didn't stop AASU from celebrating another successful year on the court.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Lady Pirates knocked off a nationally-ranked squad, defeating No. 17 GC&SU, 72-69, on January 5. AASU also extended its win streak over Kennesaw State to eight with a 74-70 win on January 19 and also extended its win streak over Columbus State to five games with a 76-73 win on February 12 and

Much of the Lady Pirates' success on the court came thanks to a pair of newcomers - junior Audosha Kelley and freshman Jasmine Herron. Kelley ranked second in the league and 34th in NCAA DII in scoring, averaging 18.2 points per contest, and was named PBC Player of the Week twice during the campaign. Herron showed flashes of brilliance during the season, scoring an AASU freshman-record 29 points against Clayton State on January 26th and finished the season ranked in the PBC in scoring, free throw percentage, steals and three-point percentage.

Three seniors wrapped up their AASU careers in 2004-05 as well as Briana Milam, Ramona Wright and Veronica Campbell played in their last games as Lady Pirates.

The Lady Pirates return 12 players for 2005-06, including the return of 2004 PBC Freshman of the Year Kaneetha Gordon, who missed all of this season with an injury.

PBC Player of the Week

Audosha Kelley (Feb. 6, 2004 & Jan. 10, 2005)

Tournament Honors

Disney's DII TipOff Classic

Audosha Kelley

Chatham Orthopaedics Holiday Classic

Audosha Kelley (MVP)

Alicia Durham

Ramona Wright

Individual Leaders

Scoring

Audosha Kelley, 18.2 (2nd PBC, 34th NCAA)

Jasmine Herron, 9.7 (26th PBC)

Rebounding

Lavonne Thomas, 7.7 (10th PBC)

Audosha Kelley, 7.6 (11th PBC)

Free Throw Percentage

Audosha Kelley, .763 (6th PBC)

Jasmine Herron, .711 (11th PBC)

Steals

Alicia Durham, 2.13 (8th PBC)

Audosha Kelley, 2.04 (11th PBC)

Jasmine Herron, 2.00 (11th PBC)

3-Point FG Percentage

Audosha Kelley, .389 (5th PBC)

Jasmine Herron, .374 (8th PBC)

3-Point FG Made

Audosha Kelley, 1.42 (12th PBC)

Blocked Shots

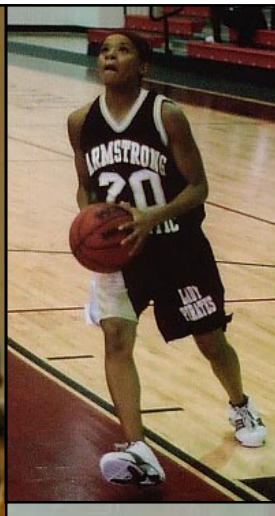
Lavonne Thomas, 0.93 (11th PBC)

Defensive Rebounds

Audosha Kelley, 5.62 (2nd PBC)

Lavonne Thomas, 5.43 (5th PBC)

Audosha Kelley (top left) ranked second in the PBC in scoring, averaging 18.2 points per contest, while Jasmine Herron (top right) set an AASU freshman scoring record with 29 points against Clayton State on Jan. 26. Lavonne Thomas (bottom right) ranked 10th in the PBC in rebounding (7.7 rpg) while senior Briana Milam (bottom left) led the team in three-point shooting (.455).



Team Statistics

Scoring Offense

67.6 ppg (5th PBC)

Scoring Defense

65.8 ppg (9th PBC)

Scoring Margin

+1.8 (6th PBC)

Field Goal %

.366 (10th PBC)

Free Throw %

.653 (9th PBC)

FG % Defense

.375 (5th PBC)

3-Point FG %

.326 (4th PBC)

3-Point FG % Defense

.325 (7th PBC)

Rebounding Offense

43.2 rpg (3rd PBC)

Rebounding Defense

44.2 rpg (12th PBC)

Rebounding Margin

-1.0 (9th PBC)

Blocked Shots

2.93 bpg (10th PBC)

Assists

12.47 apg (11th PBC)

Steals

10.87 spg (5th PBC)

Turnover Margin

+2.00 (4th PBC)

Assist/TO Ratio

0.59 (12th PBC)

Offensive Rebounds

15.53 (6th PBC)

Defensive Rebounds

27.63 (4th PBC)

3-Point FG Made

5.50 (5th PBC)

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Baseball

Final PBC Standings

School	PBC	All
North Florida	23-7	48-16
Kennesaw State	19-11	37-22
Francis Marion	17-12-1	34-16-1
USC Aiken	16-14	40-19
GC&SU	15-15	33-20
AASU	14-15	34-16
USC Upstate	14-16	33-21
Augusta State	12-17-1	28-25-1
UNC Pembroke	12-18	31-23
Lander	11-18	30-28
Columbus State	10-20	22-30

AASU PBC All-Conference

Adam Pelley (Infield)
Jon Troop (Starting Pitcher)
Matt Nalutka (Relief Pitcher)

PBC Player of the Week

Brad Bohannon (Feb. 8)
Adam Pelley (April 19)
Sean Hotzak (May 2)

PBC Pitcher of the Week

Chase Leatherwood (March 8)
Matt Nalutka (April 19)

ABCA All-South Atlantic Region

Jon Troop (Starting Pitcher) - First Team
Matt Nalutka (Relief Pitcher) - First Team
Adam Pelley (Shortstop) - Second Team

ABCA DII All-America

Matt Nalutka - First Team (Relief Pitcher)

NCBWA All-South Atlantic Region

Jon Troop (Starting Pitcher - First Team)
Matt Nalutka (Relief Pitcher - First Team)
Adam Pelley (Utility - Second Team)
Chase Leatherwood (Starting Pitcher - Second Team)

CoSIDA Academic All-District III

Jon Troop (Pitcher) - First Team
Brandon Nunez (Outfield) - Second Team

2005 AASU President's Cup

Brandon Nunez

SLAM! Canadian Player of the Week

Rob Recuenco (March 13)



Senior Brandon Nunez (above) led the Pirates with 10 home runs and won the AASU President's Cup.

The Armstrong Atlantic State baseball squad rebounded from a subpar 2004 campaign to fashion another fine season in 2005, finishing the year ranked No. 18 in the *Collegiate Baseball* Top 25 DII rankings and narrowly missing out on an NCAA regionals berth, finishing fifth in the South Atlantic region.

The Pirates opened the season with a stellar 19-2 record, including a three-game sweep of eventual CWS participant Southern Connecticut State, then battled their way through another tough Peach Belt Conference slate to finish sixth. Along the way, the Pirates picked up wins over nationally-ranked clubs Barry, Wayne State (Neb.), Lander, Augusta State, Francis Marion, USC Aiken and Kennesaw State. AASU won two of four series against South Atlantic region participants (USC Aiken and Francis Marion) and finished the year with an 11-8 record against nationally-ranked opponents.

Much of the Pirates' success in 2005 came down to an outstanding pitching staff, anchored by a record-setting performance from junior closer Matt Nalutka. Nalutka opened the season by recording 24 consecutive scoreless appearances, an unofficial PBC and NCAA DII record, and hurled 26 consecutive shutout innings before giving up his one and only run of the year on May 7. Nalutka set a new school record for saves with 12 and earned first-team ABCEA and NCWBA All-America honors as a relief pitcher.

Senior lefthander Jon Troop led the PBC in wins with 11 and finished the year earning NCBWA honorable mention All-America honors, while junior shortstop Adam Pelley earned All-PBC and All-South Atlantic Region honors.

Troop and senior righthander Chris Webb each signed professional contracts with the River City Rascals of the Frontier League, continuing the string of years with professional signings by AASU players to 23, while senior Brandon Nunez became the 15th AASU baseball player to earn the President's Cup, awarded to the top male student-athlete each year by the Savannah Exchange Club.

Individual Statistical Leaders

Batting Average

Adam Pelley, .379 (8th PBC)
Jarin Lewis, .368 (13th PBC)

Slugging Percentage

Brandon Nunez, .568 (14th PBC)

On-Base Percentage

Adam Pelley, .461 (5th PBC)

Hits

Jonnie Geiger, 77 (t11th PBC)

Home Runs

Brandon Nunez, 10 (t9th PBC)

Sacrifice Bunts

Rob Recuenco, 12 (2nd PBC, 12th NCAA)

Adam Pelley, 11 (t3rd PBC, 14th NCAA)

Sean Hotzak, 11 (t3rd PBC, 20th NCAA)

Stolen Bases

Jonnie Geiger, 19 (t7th PBC)

Hit By Pitch

Brandon Nunez, 11 (t9th PBC)

Earned Run Average

Chase Leatherwood, 3.39 (12th PBC)

Jon Troop, 3.45 (15th PBC)

Appearances

Matt Nalutka, 26 (t5th PBC)

Leon Boyd, 20 (t11th PBC)

Victories

Jon Troop, 11 (1st PBC, 6th NCAA)

C. Leatherwood, 9 (2nd PBC, 31st NCAA)

Innings Pitched

Jon Troop, 94.0 (10th PBC)

Chase Leatherwood, 93.0 (11th PBC)

Saves

Matt Nalutka, 12 (2nd PBC, 6th NCAA)

Opponent's BA

Jon Troop, .241 (7th PBC)

Chase Leatherwood, .254 (12th PBC)

Strikeouts

Chase Leatherwood, 102 (3rd PBC)

9.9 K/9 inn. (23rd NCAA)

Chris Webb, 82 (8th PBC)

9.0 K/9 inn. (54th NCAA)

Jon Troop, 74 (t11th PBC)

Pickoffs

Jon Troop, 15 (1st PBC)



Team Statistical Rankings

Batting Average

.330 (1st PBC, 35th NCAA)

Slugging Percentage

.447 (6th PBC)

On-Base Percentage

.393 (6th PBC)

ERA

3.77 (3rd PBC, 30th NCAA)

Fielding

.961 (5th PBC, 39th NCAA)

Home Runs

26 (9th PBC)

Sacrifice Bunts

53 (3rd PBC)

Stolen Bases

62-87 (5th PBC)

Doubles

96 (7th PBC)

Winning Percentage

34-16, .680 (24th NCAA)



Senior Jon Troop (top) led the PBC in wins with 11, while junior Matt Nalutka (right) earned first-team All-America honors as a reliever with his school-record 12 saves and 0.30 ERA.

2004-2005 AASU Athletics Year In Review

Softball

Final PBC Standings

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
Kennesaw State	16-4	57-13
North Florida	16-4	39-12
GC&SU	12-8	24-17
Columbus State	11-9	35-14
Augusta State	10-10	28-20
Francis Marion	10-10	36-14
USC Upstate	10-10	46-15
USC Aiken	9-11	34-17
UNC Pembroke	8-12	31-20
AASU	6-14	21-21
Lander	2-18	32-34

PBC Championships (Aiken, SC)

USC Upstate 8, AASU 0 (6 inn.)

AASU 1, Augusta State 0

North Florida 2, AASU 1

AASU PBC All-Conference Honors

Amber Hunt

PBC Player of the Week

Amber Hunt (March 15, 2005)

Individual Leaders

Batting Average

Amber Hunt, .397 (7th PBC)

Slugging Percentage

Amber Hunt, .838 (1st PBC, 13th NCAA)

On-Base Percentage

Amber Hunt, .432 (12th PBC)

Runs Batted In

Amber Hunt, 47, 1.12/gm (7th PBC, 15th NCAA)

Doubles

Amber Hunt, 16, 0.38/gm (5th PBC, 21st NCAA)

Home Runs

Amber Hunt, 14, 0.33/gm (11th PBC, 9th NCAA)

Total Bases

Amber Hunt, 114 (7th PBC)

Stolen Bases

Mandi Meador, 13 (13th PBC)

Earned Run Average

Adrian Tuttle, 1.85 (12th PBC)

Opponent's Batting Average

Heather Woods, .213 (8th PBC)

Adrian Tuttle, .230 (13th PBC)

Strikeouts

Heather Woods, 92 (11th PBC)

Saves

Adrian Tuttle, 3 (11th PBC)

The Armstrong Atlantic State softball squad began a new era in 2005 after the departure of Marty McDaniel to the University of Tennessee to serve as the Lady Vols pitching coach. Assuming the helm of the program in September was Ted Evans, former assistant coach at Chattanooga State CC in Tennessee who came to AASU with nearly 30 years of experience in coaching and playing softball.

With only one senior on the roster and nine underclassmen, the Pirates endured some growing pains, but still came up with several key moments and finished the season with a 21-21 overall record. Among the highlights during the 2005 season: freshman Heather Woods' back-to-back no-hitters against Winston-Salem State and Johnson C. Smith to start the season; a 2-1 win over eventual PBC Tournament champion Columbus State in the regular season; Jeana Short's solo home run to give AASU a 1-0 win over Augusta State in the PBC Tournament and Amber Hunt's outstanding mid-March where she hammered out six home runs and 19 RBI in a one-week period, earning her PBC Player of the Week honors.

Hunt's assault didn't stop with just that one week, either. The sophomore led the Peach Belt in home runs with 14 and ranked among the top 20 in the league and the NCAA in home runs, slugging percentage and runs batted in. Hunt earned All-PBC honors and already ranks fifth all-time in home runs in AASU history.

Junior Deanna Beaty ranked second on the squad with seven home runs and 30 RBI, while Woods led the Pirates in the circle with a 9-8 record and 92 strikeouts in 116.2 innings pitched, allowing opposing batters to hit just .211. AASU loses just one senior - Amanda Kort, who finished her career fifth in AASU history in games played - and returns 10 players for 2006.



Sophomore Amber Hunt (above) enjoyed a breakout season, hitting .397 with a PBC-leading 14 home runs and ranking in the top 20 nationally in slugging, home runs and RBI. Junior Deanna Beaty (below, middle) ranked second on the squad in home runs with seven and RBI with 30. Head coach Ted Evans (right) assumed the reigns of the program in September, becoming the second head coach in AASU softball history.

Team Statistical Rankings

Batting Average

.276 (8th PBC)

Slugging Percentage

.443 (5th PBC)

ERA

2.59 (10th PBC)

Strikeouts

178 (10th PBC)

Fielding

.961 (4th PBC)

Home Runs

39, 0.93/gm (4th PBC, 15th NCAA)

Stolen Bases

49 (6th PBC)

Double Plays

0.45/gm (8th NCAA)



2004-2005 AASU Athletics Year In Review

Men's Tennis

Final PBC Standings

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
AASU	7-1	22-7
USC Upstate	7-1	14-6
GC&SU	6-2	18-7
North Florida	6-2	23-7
Francis Marion	4-4	17-6
Columbus State	3-5	15-10
Augusta State	2-6	13-10
Lander	1-7	3-11
USC Aiken	0-8	13-12

PBC Championships (Spartanburg)

AASU def. Augusta State, 5-0
AASU def. North Florida, 5-1
AASU def. USC Upstate, 5-3

NCAA II Mid-Atlantic Regional

AASU def. Shaw, 7-0
AASU def. GC&SU, 5-0

NCAA II National Championships

AASU def. Nebraska-Kearney, 5-0
AASU def. UC San Diego, 5-3
West Florida def. AASU, 5-1

On March 29, the Pirates lost a key 5-4 match to conference rival USC Upstate, the fifth loss in the last six matches for No. 13-ranked AASU. Something was needed for the Pirates to snap out of their funk if they were to challenge for the PBC title and possibly continue its string of 10 straight NCAA Championships appearances.

Twelve straight wins later, the Pirates found themselves playing for a berth in the NCAA National Championship match.

The late-season streak by the Pirates helped them achieve their best season ever, finishing the 2005 campaign as an NCAA Men's Tennis semifinalist, the best team performance in school history, and a No. 2 national ranking, the best-ever ranking for the squad.

Tying with USC Upstate for the PBC's regular season title, the Pirates swept through the PBC Championships, avenging that loss to the Spartans with a 5-3 win in the final match, earning AASU its first-ever PBC Tournament title. AASU then breezed through the NCAA regional and knocked off Nebraska-Kearney and UC San Diego to make it to the final four, where they succumbed to eventual national champion West Florida, 5-1.

Individually, Dale White and Robert Jendelund finished the year earning ITA All-America doubles honors after capturing the ITA DII National Doubles Championship in the fall. White, who finished his career with 60 dual-match singles wins, also earned region Senior of the Year and Sportsmanship awards from the ITA.

Dale White (top right) earned All-America honors for the third time in his career and was also the ITA Mid-Atlantic Region Senior of the Year. Robert Jendelund (middle right) teamed with White to capture the ITA DII National Doubles Championship in the fall, while Peter Dedik (bottom right) was the PBC tournament singles MVP, leading AASU to its first-ever PBC Tournament Championship.

AASU All-PBC Honors

Dale White (Singles and Doubles)
Robert Jendelund (Doubles)

PBC Player of the Week

Peter Dedik (February 22, 2005)

PBC Tournament MVP

Peter Dedik (Singles and Doubles)
Davor Zink (Doubles)

ITA All-America Honors

Robert Jendelund (Doubles)
Dale White (Doubles)

ITA Mid-Atlantic Senior of the Year

Dale White

ITA Mid-Atlantic Arthur Ashe

Award for Sportsmanship & Leadership

Dale White

ITA Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year

Simon Earnshaw

Final ITA DII National Rank

No. 2

2004 ITA National DII Doubles Champions

Robert Jendelund and Dale White

Individual Statistics

Singles

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Robert Jendelund	4-15	1-2	0-2	--	--	--	5-19	2-6	13-1	18-20
Dale White #46	0-5	7-6	6-1	1-0	--	--	14-12	7-1	7-3	21-15
Peter Dedik	--	7-3	16-2	--	--	--	23-5	6-2	--	23-5
Davor Zink	--	--	0-1	16-3	1-0	2-0	19-4	7-1	--	19-4
Jeremy Mastnak	--	--	--	0-1	12-4	6-0	18-5	7-1	10-4	28-9
David Secker	--	--	--	2-0	7-1	13-3	22-4	8-0	7-2	29-6
Taavo Roos	--	--	--	--	--	2-0	2-0	--	10-4	12-4
Ross Hopper	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5-5	5-5
Totals	4-20	15-11	22-6	19-4	20-5	23-3	102-47	37-11	52-19	155-68

Doubles

Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record
Jendelund/White #7	19-10	--	--	19-10	7-1	13-3	32-13
Dedik/Zink	--	17-12	--	17-12	5-3	--	17-12
Mastnak/Roos	--	--	22-7	22-7	6-2	3-2	25-9
Mastnak/Secker	--	--	--	--	--	1-1	1-1
Secker/Hopper	--	--	--	--	--	3-3	3-3
Totals	19-10	17-12	22-7	58-29	18-6	20-9	78-38



2004-2005 AASU Athletics Year In Review

Women's Tennis

Final PBC Standings

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
AASU	10-0	30-0
Columbus State	8-2	26-6
North Florida	8-2	18-7
USC Upstate	8-2	12-8
GC&SU	6-4	16-10
Clayton State	5-5	12-10
USC Aiken	4-6	15-11
Francis Marion	3-7	10-15
Kennesaw State	2-8	4-10
UNC Pembroke	1-9	12-13
Augusta State	0-10	5-12

PBC Championships (Spartanburg)

AASU def. Francis Marion 5-0
AASU def. USC Upstate 5-0
AASU def. Columbus State 5-2

NCAA II Mid-Atlantic Regional

AASU def. Fayetteville State 5-0
AASU def. GC&SU 6-0

NCAA II National Championships

AASU def. Nebraska Omaha 5-0
AASU def. UC San Diego 5-0
AASU def. Valdosta State 5-0
AASU def. BYU-Hawaii 5-3

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's tennis team knew the 2005 season would come down to a showdown with three-time defending champion BYU-Hawaii. Searching for its first title since 1996 and third title overall, the Pirates would not be denied this time by the Seasideers, stopping BYU-Hawaii's 130-match win streak with a climactic 5-3 win to capture the DII Women's Tennis National Championship for the third time in school history.

As a result, now the Lady Pirates own the longest consecutive win streak in DII after finishing the season with a perfect 30-0 record. It was a true team effort as all six starters earned ITA All-America honors for what is believed the first time in DII women's tennis history.

Junior Luisa Cowper successfully inherited the No. 1 singles spot and delivered an outstanding season, earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles, while also being named the PBC's Player of the Year. Sophomore Dziyana Nazaruk also earned All-America honors in singles and was named the ITA's National "Player to Watch." Juniors Manuela Emmrich and Caroline Grage earned ITA All-America doubles honors, while freshman Johanna Dahlback earned All-America singles honors and senior Laura Peaty finished her four-year AASU career by earning All-America doubles honors for the third straight year.

Peaty is the only AASU player departing from the 2005 squad, setting the Lady Pirates up for another title run in 2006.



AASU PBC All-Conference Honors

Luisa Cowper (Singles & Doubles, Player of the Year)
Dziyana Nazaruk (Singles)
Johanna Dahlback (Singles)
Laura Peaty (Doubles)
Simon Earnshaw (Coach of the Year)

PBC Player of the Week

Luisa Cowper (March 22 & April 6, 2005)

PBC Tournament MVP

Luisa Cowper (Singles & Doubles)
Laura Peaty (Doubles)

ITA Region & National "Player to Watch"

Dziyana Nazaruk

ITA Division II All-America Honors

Luisa Cowper (Singles & Doubles)
Laura Peaty (Doubles)
Johanna Dahlback (Singles)
Dziyana Nazaruk (Singles)
Manuela Emmrich (Doubles)
Caroline Grage (Doubles)

Final ITA DII Ranking

No. 1



Individual Statistics

Singles

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Luisa Cowper #3	20-2	--	--	--	--	--	20-2	6-1	16-1	36-3
Dziyana Nazaruk #8	5-0	14-3	--	--	--	--	19-3	8-0	8-3	27-6
Joanna Dahlback #9	--	5-0	14-0	1-0	--	--	20-0	8-0	--	20-0
Manuela Emmrich #19	--	3-0	5-1	12-0	--	--	20-1	9-0	8-5	28-6
Caroline Grage	--	--	3-0	3-1	10-2	--	16-3	6-1	9-4	25-7
Laura Peaty	--	--	--	5-0	4-0	11-0	20-0	8-0	10-3	30-3
Sofia Haggstrom	--	--	--	1-0	8-0	1-1	11-1	6-0	10-5	21-5
Kristen Kelly	--	--	--	--	--	11-0	11-0	7-0	6-4	17-4
Totals	25-2	22-3	22-1	22-1	22-2	24-1	137-10	58-2	67-25	204-35

Doubles

Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record
Cowper/Peaty #3	24-5	--	--	24-5	8-2	16-1	40-6
Emmrich/Grage #8	--	24-1	4-0	28-1	10-0	11-2	39-3
Dahlback/Nazaruk	--	4-0	21-3	25-3	8-1	--	25-3
Haggstrom/Nazaruk	--	--	--	--	--	10-2	10-2
Haggstrom/Kelly	--	--	1-0	1-0	1-0	--	1-0
Totals	24-5	28-1	26-3	78-9	27-3	37-5	115-14

Luisa Cowper (top) was the PBC Player of the Year in 2005 and earned ITA All-America honors in both doubles and singles. Dziyana Nazaruk (above, with trophy) was the ITA's National Player to Watch and also earned ITA All-America honors.

2004-2005 AASU Athletics Year In Review

Men's Golf

PBC Championship

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
USC Aiken	852 (-12)
AASU	860 (-4)
Columbus State	888 (+24)
GC&SU	890 (+26)
Francis Marion	910 (+46)
UNC Pembroke	923 (+59)
Clayton State	948 (+84)

NCAA Southeast Regional

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
USC Aiken	887 (+23)
AASU	891 (+27)
GC&SU	914 (+50)
Columbus State	918 (+54)
Francis Marion	924 (+60)
Presbyterian	953 (+89)
North Greenville	961 (+97)
UNC Pembroke	970 (+106)

NCAA National Championships

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
USC Aiken	1158 (+22)
AASU	1163 (+27)
St. Edward's	1169 (+33)
CSU Bakersfield	1170 (+34)
Hawaii Hilo	1173 (+37)
Rollins	1174 (+38)
Cal State Chico	1175 (+39)
Lynn	1176 (+40)
W. Washington	1182 (+46)
Washburn	1183 (+47)

Junior Tripp Coggins (left) won back-to-back tournaments in 2005, while senior Chris Epperson (middle) earned All-PBC honors and senior Jonathan Cox (right) earned GCAA Third-Team All-America honors.



Individual Statistics

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Jonathan Cox	31	2280	73.55	t2nd Southeastern Collegiate
Tripp Coggins	29	2142	73.86	1st Geico Direct / GC&SU Bobcat
Chris Epperson	31	2308	74.45	t2nd UNICCO Spring Invitational
Trey Kent	21	1587	75.57	t9th AFLAC/Cougar Invitational
Jason Fober	26	1971	75.81	t5th Peach Belt Conf. Championships
Ashley Loyd	26	1982	76.23	t5th AASU/Southbridge Invitational
Matt Morris	7	549	78.43	t8th AASU/Southbridge Invitational
Marcus Ekstrom	5	396	79.20	t18th GEICO Direct Invitational
TEAM	31	9165	295.65	1st Southeastern Collegiate

Team Results

10/4-5	AFLAC/Cougar Invitational	Columbus, Ga.	5th of 18	882 (+18)
10/11-12	Presbyterian Intercollegiate	Clinton, S.C.	4th of 15	606 (+30)
11/1-2	Rollins College Intercollegiate	Ocoee, Fla.	10th of 15	883 (+19)
2/21-22	AASU/Southbridge Invitational	Savannah, Ga.	2nd of 12	595 (+19)
3/12-13	GEICO Direct Invitational	Savannah, Ga.	3rd of 7	930 (+66)
3/21-22	GC&SU Bobcat Invitational	Eatonton, Ga.	t2nd of 15	582 (+22)
3/28-29	UNICCO Spring Invitational	Tamarac, Fla.	2nd of 7	889 (+25)
4/4-5	Southeastern Collegiate	Valdosta, Ga.	1st of 18	884 (+20)
4/18-19	Peach Belt Championships	Savannah, Ga.	2nd of 7	860 (-4)
5/2-4	NCAA Southeast Regional	Columbus, Ga.	2nd of 8	891 (+27)
5/17-20	NCAA DII Championships	Savannah, Ga.	2nd of 20	1163 (+27)

AASU All-PBC Honors

Chris Epperson

AASU All-PBC Tournament

Jonathan Cox

Tripp Coggins

Jason Fober

PING/GCAA DII All-America

Jonathan Cox (Third Team)

Tripp Coggins (Honorable Mention)

Individual Titles

Tripp Coggins, GEICO Direct
(76-74-74=224, +8, Mar. 12-13, 2005)

Tripp Coggins, GC&SU Bobcat
(70-65=135, -5, Mar. 21-22, 2005)

Team Title

Southeastern Collegiate (April 4-5)

Final GCAA DII National Rank

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